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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7708

INFO AMCONSUL CASBLANCA

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DEPARTMENT ALSO FOR AF/W-AMBASSADOR BLACK; CASABLANCA FOR
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SUB: PANAM MAY CUT BACK FLIGHTS TO GHANA

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 (C) ACCRA 2996(NOTAL) (G) ACCRA 2936
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1. LOCAL PAN AM REP (MILLER) INFORMED E/C COUNSELOR
THAT PANAM MAY SOON CUT BACK ITS SERVICE TO ACCRA FROM
THREE TO ONE ROUND-TRIP PER WEEK, IN VIEW OF CONTINUING
GOG PRESSURES UPON PANAM.

2. ACCORDING TO MILLER, GHANA AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON
(QUARM) GOT WIND OF THIS, AND ON MAY 24 SAW PANAM'S
HAMBLETON AND REQUESTED AT LEAST 30-DAY POSTPONEMENT
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OF PANAM CUTBACK IN ORDER FOR QUARM TO CONTACT ACCRA.

PANAM REPORTEDLY ACCEDED.

3. MILLER HAS RECEIVED TELEX COPY OF MAY 26 LETTER FROM QUARM (PRESUMABLY TO HAMBLETON), SUGGESTING THAT PANAM POSTPONE CUTBACK (OF WHAT QUARM APPARENTLY TOOK TO BE ALL FLIGHTS TO ACCRA) UNTIL HE COULD PRESS ACCRA ON PENDING PANAM REQUEST FOR SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM BY GOG ON ITS FIFTH FREEDOM RESTRICTIONS ON PAMAM (REFTELS C AND F-H). QUARM'S LETTER WAS EXPLICIT THAT SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM WOULD BE TO ALLOW USG AND GOG TO CONCLUDE BILATERAL AIRLINE AGREEMENT AND THAT GOG EXPECTED PANAM TO EXERT MAXIMUM PRESSURE ON GOG TOWARD THAT END.

4. MILLER EXPECTS TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS SOME TIME NEXT WEEK TO FILE NEW ROUTE SCHEDULE WITH GOG "EFFECTIVE JUNE 24" CUTTING OUT ALL PANAM SERVICE TO ACCRA EXCEPT SOUTHBOUND FRIDAY (LEAVES NEW YORK THURS.) (FLIGHT PA 184) AND NORTHBOUND SATURDAY (ARRIVES NEW YORK SUNDAY) (PA 185). IF IMPLEMENTED, FOLLOWING FLIGHTS WOULD OVERFLY ACCRA:

PA 180, DEPART NEW YORK SAT., THEN MONROVIA, ACCRA, LAGOS, NAIROBI.

PA 189 DEPART NAIROBI SUN., THEN KINSHASA, LAGOS, ACCRA MONROVIA, DAKAR N.Y.

PA 182 DEPART NY SUN., THEN DAKAR, MONROVIA, ACCRA LAGOS , KINSHASA, JOHANNESBURG.

PA 183 DEPART JOHANNESBURG TUES., THEN KINSHASA, LAGOS, ACCRA, MONROVIA, DAKAR, NY.

5. ACTION REQUESTED : CONTACT PANAM, TRY TO OBTAIN COPY OF ORIGINAL VERSION OF QUARM LETTER. DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH TO OBTAIN DIRECTLY FROM PANAM ITS INTENTIONS RE: SERVICE TO ACCRA; WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING RESULTS THAT INQUIRY.

6. NOTE THAT WE STILL AWAITING WASHINGTON RESPONSE TO GOG REQUEST FOR BILATERAL TALKS (REFTELS A-E).
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